

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto are six (6) sheets of corrected formal drawings. The corrected formal drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

In FIGs. 4A-4F, the gray background has been removed;

In FIGs. 4E-F, the pictures at the left-upper corner have been replaced by different pictures for clarity purpose.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected formal drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claims 1-13 are now present in the application. The drawings and claims 1, 7 and 9 have been amended. Claims 1 and 7 are independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Drawings Objections

The drawings have been objected because FIG. 4E contain smudges that preclude the word "zhu" and the pictures on the side of the figures. Applicants have submitted six (6) sheets of corrected formal drawings to address the Examiner's requested changes and to provide clarity of the drawings. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been addressed. Accordingly, all pending claims are now definite and clear. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, are therefore respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 & 103

Claims 1-4, 6-8 and 10-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wasowicz, U.S. Patent No. 6,755,657. Claims 5 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wasowicz in view of Burtis, U.S. Patent No. 4,089,124. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

In light of the foregoing amendments to the claims, Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections has been obviated and/or rendered moot. As the Examiner will note, independent claims 1 and 7 have been amended.

Independent claim 1 now recites “a spelling database, which stores more than one set of original spelling datum and a plurality of associated clues; a problem generating module, which extracts an original spelling datum along with the associated clues from the spelling database according to a current difficulty level, wherein the clues in higher difficulty level are fewer than the clues in lower difficulty level; a display module, which displays the clues according to the current difficulty level within a predetermined time; an input receiving module, which accepts an input from the learner within a predetermined time; and a result comparison module, which compares the learner’s input with the original spelling datum of the problem generating module and outputs a comparison result.”

Independent claim 7 now recites “displaying information clues associated with a spelling datum according to the current difficulty level, wherein the clues in higher difficulty level are fewer than the clues in lower difficulty level; receiving an input from the user within a

predetermined time predetermined for the current difficulty level; comparing the input with the original spelling datum; and notifying the user if the comparison result is correct.”

Applicants respectfully submit that the above combinations of elements and steps set forth in claims 1 and 7 are not disclosed or suggested by the references relied on by the Examiner.

Wasowicz discloses a system that may include one or more modules that test and train a different set of skills. Each module may include one or more different tasks (implemented as interactive graphical games) that train a particular skill or set of skills of the user. Wasowicz further discloses a game file database may store one or more modules (and one or more games/tasks for each module) of the training tool wherein each module trains a different set of skills.

On the other hand, the present application discloses a spelling database which stores more than one set of original spelling datum and a plurality of associated clues; and a problem generating module, which extracts an original spelling datum along with the associated clues from the spelling database according to a current difficulty level, wherein the clues in higher difficulty level are fewer than the clues in lower difficulty level. Therefore, the spelling database and the problem generating module functions differently from the game file of Wasowicz.

Further, Wasowicz fails to disclose different levels of difficulty correspond to different clue combinations. In the present application, the higher the difficulty level is, the fewer clues the system will provide.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the above combinations of elements and steps as set forth in amended independent claims 1 and 7 are not disclosed nor suggested by Wasowicz relied on by the Examiner.

With regard to the Examiner's reliance on Burtis, this reference has only been relied on for its teachings related to the subject matter of dependent claims. This reference also fails to disclose the above combinations of elements and steps as set forth in amended independent claims 1 and 7. Accordingly, Burtis fails to cure the deficiencies of Wasowicz.

Accordingly, neither of the references utilized by the Examiner individually or in combination teaches or suggests the limitations of amended independent claims 1 and 7 or their dependent claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 7 and their dependent claims clearly define over the teachings of the references relied on by the Examiner.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Joe McKinney Muncy, Registration No. 32,334 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

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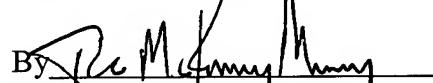
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